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Testing the waters

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Environment and Natural Resources Secretary Roy A. Cimatu drinks water from the Panguil river within the Panguil River Eco Park in Laguna, proving that the river water is clean and potable.

This river is recognized as one of the cleanest in the entire Philippines and it has a Class B classification, meaning it is also suitable for bathing.



Pasig River Coordinating and Management Office - PRCMO

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RIVER WARRIORS REPORTING FOR DUTY NGAYONG ECQ! 🇵🇭

Kahit na nasa ilalim ng ECQ ang buong Metro Manila ay asahan na patuloy na maglilingkod ang PRCMO at mga River Warriors nito para sa ikabubuti ng ating bayan at kalikasan!

Narito ang isinagawang cleanup operations sa ilan sa mga prayoridad na estero sa Kamaynilaan: Estero dela Reina, Estero de San Lazaro, Estero de Magdalena, at Estero de Kabulusan. Sinisiguro din ng ating mga River Warriors na nasusunod ang minimum public health standards gaya ng physical distancing, at pagsusuot ng kanilang overall personal protective equipment (PPE).

Ngayong ECQ, kahit nasa bahay ay malaki ang aling magedagawa para sa tuloy-tuloy na pagbabago ng ating mga katubigan:

✔️ **TAPAT KO, LINIS KO!** Panatilihin malinis ang inyong bahay at paligid at huwag magtapon ng basura kung saan-saan; bagkus, hintayin ang trak o taga-kolekta ng basura ng inyong barangay o lungsod.

✔️ **SUNDIN ANG 5R's NG SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT** – Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, at Respect! Hindi hadlang ang pandemya upang mahalin at pangalagaan natin ang ating kalikasan, bayan, at kinabukasan!

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NAMRIA seeks safe open spaces for the 'Big One'

By Catherine Teves August 13, 2021, 5:43 pm



(Logo downloaded at namria.gov.ph)

MANILA – Work is underway to identify in Metro Manila's neighboring areas the safe open spaces (SOSs) where people can run to and assemble when the "Big One" strikes.

The "Big One" is a worst-case scenario of an earthquake from the West Valley Fault, a 100-kilometer fault that runs through six cities in Metro Manila and nearby provinces. A tsunami is also foreseen in the scenario set by the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (Phivolcs).

The National Mapping and Resource Information Agency (NAMRIA) already identified and mapped SOSs in Metro Manila and began to do the same for neighboring areas as the West Valley Fault (WVF) runs through six cities in Metro Manila and nearby provinces. A tsunami is also foreseen in the scenario set by the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (Phivolcs).

NAMRIA supervising remote sensing technologist Josephine Ferrer said the agency is already collecting the latest available high-resolution images of the neighboring areas to be used in identifying potential SOSs there.

"We'll base our interpretation of open spaces on those images," she said.

She said concerned local government units (LGUs) will verify if the identified open spaces still exist.

NAMRIA is supposed to be undertaking an ocular inspection of potential SOSs but came up with such work arrangement instead due to health risks and mobility restrictions arising from continuing onslaught of novel coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) pandemic, she noted.

She said Phivolcs will still help NAMRIA identify SOSs in Metro Manila's neighboring areas.

SOS is a vacant land at least 200 square meters in size, free from earthquake-related hazards and located outside a radius 1.5 times the height of adjacent or surrounding buildings, she said.

Aside from being an assembly area when earthquakes strike, she said SOSs may also serve as temporary shelter, rescue and medical stations, food and water depots, as well as other emergency services.



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Phivolcs' assessment about WVF is raising the urgency for identifying and mapping the SOSs as WVF is already ripe for movement.

Data shows WVF already moved four times in the past 1,400 years, Phivolcs noted.

Phivolcs said such indicates WVF moves at an approximately 400-year interval, the last being around 1645.

Ferrer said NAMRIA already introduced its SOS mapping project to LGUs of Metro Manila's neighboring Cavite, Laguna, Batangas and Rizal provinces in Region IV-A (Calabarzon) and Bulacan province in Region III (Central Luzon).

"Those LGUs are willing to cooperate with us on the project," she said.

She said such LGUs are familiar with respective areas so these can easily verify if open spaces NAMRIA will identify are still existing or not anymore.

The 2002-2004 "Study for Earthquake Impact Reduction for Metropolitan Manila" warned that a magnitude 7.2 WVF-triggered earthquake can kill around 34,000 people, injure some 114,000 persons, partly damage an estimated 340,000 residential structures and cause the collapse of about 170,000 houses.

"Fire will break out and burn approximately 1,710 hectares and a total of 18,000 additional persons will be killed by this secondary disaster," the study also said.

Infrastructure and lifelines will suffer heavy damage as well, the study continued.

Ferrer said in 2019, NAMRIA concluded its Metro Manila SOS mapping project. Metro Manila then had 5,720 SOSs, she noted.

"Those SOSs are the open spaces not prone to tsunamis, liquefaction and landslides," she said, referring to earthquake-related hazards.

She cited the need to update Metro Manila's list of SOSs since several of these are privately owned and may have been already developed for commercial and non-commercial purposes. (PNA)



Masungi rangers file frustrated murder raps vs resort owner, companions

By [Gaea Katreena Cabico](#)(PhiIstar.com)
- August 13, 2021 - 6:45pm



Two rangers of Masungi Georeserve Foundation files a frustrated murder complaint against a resort owner and his cohorts on Aug. 13, 2021.

MANILA, Philippines — Two park rangers of the Masungi Georeserve Foundation in Rizal have filed a frustrated murder complaint against a resort owner and his companions, nearly three weeks after they were shot.

Forest rangers Khukan Maas and Melvin Akhmad filed the complaint before the Rizal Provincial Prosecutor's Office on Friday.

Maas and Akhmad, who were stationed in a reforestation site of Masungi, were attacked on the evening of July 24.

The shooting happened at a ranger station near GSB resort in Sitio San Roque in Brgy. Pinugay, Baras. The resort is one of the infrastructures said to be illegally occupying forestland in the Upper Marikina River Basin Protected Landscape.

Maas was shot in the neck, while Akhmad was shot in the head. The two are now recovering and under monitoring.

Named in the complaint of Maas and Akhmad were the resort owner and his eight other companions.

Call for protection

The rangers reiterated the foundation's call for security assistance from national government agencies.



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“Ang panawagan naming ay hustisya at proteksyon dahil patuloy ang pagbabanta sa amin at sa mga kasamahan naming nagbabantay pa rin sa bundok. Wala pa hong security assistance,” Maas said.

Police General Guillermo Eleazar, Philippine National Police chief, earlier said Masungi rangers will be given additional security. The shooting occurred near a station of the PNP Special Action Forces.

Prior to the attack, rangers stationed in the Upper Marikina Watershed had received “multiple and sustained threats and harassment” following the checking of illegal activities in the protected area through patrolling, reporting, and installation of ranger stations and checkpoints, Masungi said.

More than week before the incident, the Department of the Interior and Local Government recommended the [filing of criminal and administrative charges](#) against several local officials and establishments over encroachments in the Upper Marikina Watershed.

Watershed under siege

Quarrying, land grabbing, timber cutting and encroachments continue to persist in the Upper Marikina River Basin Protected Landscape, which was declared a protected area only in 2011.

Conservationists have stressed that the Upper Marikina Watershed is critical as it regulates water flow, and serves as a habitat of threatened flora and fauna and ancestral domains of indigenous peoples.

Masungi is undertaking a reforestation initiative inside the watershed in partnership with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

DENR Calabarzon Director Nilo Tamera, in a letter to the foundation, proposed to deputize Masungi’s rangers as environment and natural resource officers to protect them and give them authority.

Billie Dumaliang, Masungi Georeserve Foundation trustee and advocacy officer, stressed the security assistance they are seeking is urgent because “the danger is clear and present.”

“The immediate and practical solution is security deployment from those who are more capable of maintaining peace and order, such as the army or police,” Dumaliang told Philstar.com.

“Security threats which clearly are traceable to illegal occupants and illegal activities within the protected area are the obligation of the DENR in the project, and the unique thing they can do to help civil society partners. Park rangers should be able to plant and nurture new trees and residual forest in peace,” she added.

Source: <https://www.philstar.com/headlines/2021/08/13/2119769/masungi-rangers-file-frustrated-murder-raps-vs-resort-owner-companions/amp/>



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TINGNAN: Forest Rangers nagsampa na ng reklamong kriminal laban sa mga suspects ng pagbaril sa kanila noong Hulyo 24, 2021.

Kinasuhan ang may ari ng isang resort na pumasok sa watershed at mga kasamahan nito. Ayon sa Article 248 ng Revised Penal Code, maaaring mahatulan ang mga ito ng hanggang labing-dalawang taon (12 years) ng pagkakakulong.

Hiniling mga forest rangers ang katarungan at proteksyon para sa mga kasamahan nilang rangers mula sa patuloy na pagbabarila ng mga iligalista.

Nagpapasalamat din sila sa suportang kanilang natanggap mula sa mga doktor, abogado, nakaaraang bisita, at iba pang patuloy na sumusubaybay sa kanila.

#ProtectOurRangers
#JusticeforRangers
#SaveOurWatershed

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Climate wake-up call

PHL groups on IPCC report on climate change: Scale up mitigation efforts, and act now!



[BY JONATHAN L. MAYUGA](#)

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The latest report of the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) continues to draw reactions from Philippine-based nongovernment organizations days after its release.

Citing the record-breaking climate change-triggered extreme weather events that threaten the global community, they say the report paints the grim scenario of the future is compelling enough to scale up mitigation efforts, bearing in mind the country's vulnerability to natural disasters and its lack of capacity to recover quickly from their disastrous impacts.



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Power for People Coalition convener Gerry Arances: "Science is clear that our reckless dependence on fossil fuels is to blame for it, and this report invalidates any remaining excuse to keep using dirty energy if we wish to avert even more unthinkable consequences."

Decisive action

The Climate Change Commission (CCC), the lead policy-making body tasked to supervise government programs and ensure mainstreaming of climate change in national, local and sectoral development plans, said the IPCC report "should serve as a wake-up call not only for the Philippines, but also for all countries and world leaders to take decisive action on increasing warming temperatures to protect the planet and future generations from such previously unimaginable scenarios."

The CCC believes that the substantial and consistent reductions in carbon dioxide and other greenhouse-gas emissions, such as methane, indeed have the capacity to influence the future direction of climate.

"While improvements in air quality would be immediate, global temperature stabilization might take 20 to 30 years," the CCC pointed out.

According to the CCC, the world must go considerably further to keep the 1.5 challenge alive, adding that such will require a concerted set of policies, including phasing out coal for power generation and committing to not opening or financing any new coal-fired power stations; providing developing countries with better support to deliver clean energy; reforming the global trade in agricultural commodities to help farmers make a better living while forests are protected; and last but not least, for loss and damage policies to be set in place to support adaptation initiatives, in line with mobilizing long-term finance.



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'Change the ending'

WORLD WIDE Fund for Nature-Philippines, for its part, showed that the report card of human response to the climate crisis shows that "We are failing life as we know it unless we act now and we act together."

"The new report continues to paint an alarming picture of what we are already seeing as impacts of the climate crisis at global warming of around 1.1° C. For a vulnerable country such as the Philippines, as the temperature needle moves toward 1.5° C, we will experience increasing dangers to our people and our ecosystems—increasing frequency and the intensity of extreme weather events such as typhoons, floods and drought, sea-level rise, among others," Executive Director Katherine Custodio said.



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Lawyer Angela Ibay, Climate and Energy Programme head, said: "We have very little time, so we need to act now. We have to scale up action in both adaptation and mitigation and to implement our commitments under the Paris Agreement to be consistent with limiting global warming to 1.5° C. These include protection of and investing in nature, ramping up the clean-energy transition through renewables and energy efficiency, revamping our food, water, energy, and even finance systems to value nature as part of the life sustainability equation. We can still—and must—change the ending."



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'Need to be proactive'

NAZRIN Castro, branch manager of The Climate Reality Project Philippines, commenting on the new IPCC report, noted that every region across the globe is already experiencing the adverse impacts of human-induced climate change.

She said that the Philippines couldn't afford to be passive in addressing the threat of a sea-level rise in the country.

"It may not be as dramatic as extreme weather events like typhoons, but it will have devastating consequences on our coastal communities—where more than half of the Filipino population is residing," she said.

"With millions of Filipinos at risk, we must be proactive by putting in place appropriate adaptation strategies and programs that will protect, as well as enable, coastal communities to thrive amid the long-term prospects of higher sea levels," she said.

Swift coal, fossil fuel exit

ON Tuesday, the Power for People Coalition (P4P) urged Philippine energy policymakers and authorities to heed the latest climate science findings unveiled by IPCC, prioritize the country's move away from coal and other fossil fuels and transition to renewables in energy planning directions and climate commitments.

"The IPCC's latest report affirms something climate-vulnerable Filipinos already know: that the climate crisis is upon us. It will continue to impose suffering on communities and life systems globally. Science is clear that our reckless dependence on fossil fuels is to blame for it, and this report invalidates any remaining excuse to keep using dirty energy if we wish to avert even more unthinkable consequences," Gerry Arances, convener of P4P, said.

He stressed that no nation in the world has any business introducing more fossil fuels into its energy mix.

"Our country already placed the survival of Filipinos in peril with decades of obsession with coal, and the only responsible way forward is to throw any notion of technology neutrality into the fire. The Department of Energy, assisted by all other government bodies, must completely cancel all remaining coal in the national pipeline while keeping the rise of gas and other fossil fuels at bay," Arances said.

The clean energy and climate justice advocacy groups also urged authorities to be guided by findings of the report in upcoming climate negotiations in November.

Higher ambition

Aksyon Klima Pilipinas, for its part, said the report could not have come at a more opportune time.



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Rodne Galicha, convener of Aksyon Klima Pilipinas, said the calls for higher ambition and climate justice continue to grow stronger globally.

However, he said, current pledges of all governments would only lead to a 1-percent reduction in emissions, falling way short of limiting global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius.

"The onset of the Covid-19 pandemic has provided a living preview of the scale of disruptions and losses that more extreme climate changes can inflict on countries, and lessons that governments, businesses, civil society groups and communities can learn from to avoid any more disasters of this magnitude," Galicha said.

Science-based climate action

THE group issued several recommendations, including the enhancement of science-based approaches in climate action by the 26th Conference of Parties (COP26) to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change by welcoming the IPCC report.

Moreover, the group said developed countries with the highest GHG emissions should increase and deliver their emissions reductions targets in their respective Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and pay their "climate debt" to vulnerable nations through the provision of means of implementation, such as climate finance, technology development and transfer, and capacity-building, in forms aligned with upholding climate justice.

The group added that the Philippine government should also finalize the country's decarbonization pathway toward achieving its NDC goal of reducing GHG emissions by 75 percent within the current decade, including the phaseout of coal-fired power plants and initiating a just transition to renewable energy.

"It is not our intent to sound like a prophet of doom, yet as much as we have experienced the brunt of the climate crisis, the worst could still be coming. We call for urgent, just and effective climate action now," Galicha said.

A challenge amid Covid

DENISE M. Fontanilla, Associate for Policy Advocacy Institute for Climate and Sustainable Cities, said the IPCC report is a signal to all countries to do their share to address the climate crisis.

Despite its limited resources further stretched by the impact of the pandemic, the Philippines is nevertheless compelled to squarely face the climate challenge.

"Findings from the IPCC report show that extreme weather events in Southeast Asia will increase in frequency and intensity. The Philippines, apart from weather extremes, will further be threatened by the increase in the sea surface temperatures, sea-level rise, and ocean acidification, which in turn will have adverse effects on agriculture, fisheries, food security, and even health and nutrition," she said.



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Act now!

HOWEVER, she said, there's time and by acting now, the country can do something.

"It will be a very difficult path for us, especially being in the frontlines of climate impacts. We may already have plans in line, but the lack of fine points on implementation is extremely concerning," she said.

Finally, she said that with the upcoming elections next year, it is vital that climate action transcend political terms and administrations.

"Our policymakers and economic managers must focus on more inclusive and more responsive programs that meet the challenges of the climate crisis head-on while marshaling scarce resources in order to establish effective strategies that encourage ever greater public participation. Everything counts, everyone matters," she said.



Year One of plastic neutrality: Nestlé PH recovers 27,000 tons of waste



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Nestlé Philippines partners with various organizations to achieve and sustain Plastic Neutrality. Following its first year of being plastic neutral, it believes that it can do more by working together with its employees, consumers and other stakeholders.

Last year, Nestlé Philippines made a commitment. It made a commitment to make its packaging, including plastics 100 percent recyclable or reusable by 2025. It also committed to reduce a third of virgin plastic use within the same time frame. Specifically, Nestlé Philippines will reduce its use of virgin plastics by 1,100 metric tons in 2021.

As it completes its first year of plastic neutrality, Nestlé Philippines has achieved a fresh milestone in tackling plastic waste. The company has managed to collect, co-process and divert from the environment over 27,000 metric tons of plastic waste, slightly more than the volume of used plastic in the packaging that it has put out in the market over the past year.

Nestlé Philippines is the first multinational fast-moving consumer goods company in the country to do so and this comes as it marks its 110th year in the country, determined to intensify its initiatives towards a waste-free future.

Source of ocean plastic

The Philippines is the third largest source of ocean plastic worldwide. Nestlé continues to accelerate its initiatives to address plastic waste holistically in the country across three focus areas: (1) developing the packaging for the future, through packaging and delivery innovation and plastic



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reduction; (2) helping to shape a waste-free future through increased collection and recycling; and (3) driving new behaviors and understanding through solid waste management education.

“As a food and beverage manufacturer with a major presence in the country, we are called upon to be at the forefront in confronting urgent issues that our planet faces. Our vision, which we are working hard to realize, is that none of our packaging, including plastics, ends up in landfills, in oceans, seas, and rivers. A few years ago, we identified plastic neutrality as a major step forward for us as a company and it is our most important environmental milestone to date. The way has been full of challenges, requiring significant investments and a learning curve as we acquired experience. But we have demonstrated that it can be done, and it is viable. We are grateful to our partners including Republic Cement, CEMEX Holdings Philippines, and Plastic Credit Exchange for enabling us to become plastic neutral,” said Nestlé Philippines Chairman and CEO Kais Marzouki.

With its partners, Nestlé Philippines is collecting plastic waste from local government units and communities in different parts of the country. The waste is co-processed in cement kilns, a waste management method where waste materials are processed at a very high temperature. This breaks down complex materials into simpler compounds and the energy or mineral content of wastes are completely recovered and utilized in the process of producing cement. Emissions from the process are filtered and monitored in compliance with standards of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

Passage of legislation

Looking to the future, Mr. Marzouki said the company is advocating the passage of legislation that will put in place an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) scheme for plastic waste. EPR is a comprehensive policy approach where a manufacturer’s or importer’s responsibility for a product is extended to the post-consumption stage of its life cycle.



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Nestlé also co-developed solid waste management modules for schools and also created condensed materials for teens and parents which have been endorsed by the National Solid Waste Management Commission.

To do more together, Nestlé Philippines is encouraging consumers to become a *Kasambuhay* for the Environment. They can start by visiting Nes.tl/KasambuhayForTheEnvironment where they can access solid waste management modules developed for parents and teens, and learn about the waste cycle, proper segregation, recycling, and more. The website also lists locations where they can drop off their plastic waste for recycling, including Nestlé-sponsored collection points at SM Mall of Asia, SM North Edsa, and SM Fairview, among other sites.



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To further its commitment to the planet, Nestlé launched the Isabuhay sa Bahay challenge which aims to encourage its 5,000 strong employees how to live a more sustainable lifestyle for the good of the planet.

“At Nestlé Philippines, we are deeply committed to attaining our environmental goals, consistent with our vision of a waste-free future. As we have been in the Philippines for 110 years, we want to leave a legacy, anchored on our respect for the future and coming generations, that includes effectively caring for the planet,” Mr. Marzouki said.

Source: <https://businessmirror.com.ph/2021/08/13/year-one-of-plastic-neutrality-nestle-ph-recovers-27000-tons-of-waste/>



Plastics not the real enemy, says advocate

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by [Othel V. Campos](#)

The plastics industry on Friday expressed apprehension over the passing by the lower chamber of House Bill 9147 or the Single-Use Plastic Products Regulation Act, and HB 9171 or the Plastic Tax Act that imposes P20-per-kilogram excise tax on plastic bag products.

Philippine Plastics Industry Association president Danny Ngo said recyclable plastics such as SUP packaging are bolstering the reduction of impacts of climate change.

"Phasing them out and substituting them with the current alternatives is not a true solution, but maybe more damaging than benefiting the environment as well as the economy," he said.

Citing the study, "Life Cycle Impacts of Plastic Packaging Compared to Substitutes in the United States and Canada (Franklin Associates, 2018)", Ngo noted that plastics materials such as SUPs have the lowest carbon footprint as compared to the more than double carbon footprint of alternatives paper, glass, tin and aluminum.

According to the study, shifting to compostable starch-based plastics as provided for in HB 9147 must first undergo an in-depth analysis to truly determine their environmental impact. Composting organic material under anaerobic condition has the greater potential to release methane (CH₄), a heat-trapping gas that is 24 times more potent than carbon dioxide (CO₂).

The study also noted that among the factors contributing to environmental corruption, power generation has the highest contribution of greenhouse gas (GHG) emission at 25 percent for the use of coal and fuel oil. This is followed by the combined agriculture, forestry and other land uses sectors at 24 percent due to livestock farming and crop cultivation producing methane gas. While 14 percent is from the transport sector, and 21 percent from the industry sector, where the substitute packaging paper, glass, steel and aluminum have more than double global warming potential than plastics based on life cycle analysis.

The use of plastics being the safest, and most hygienic packaging material, preserves food with a much longer shelf life. This helps reduce the 8 to 10 percent global GHG emissions that come from food loss and food wastage. It likewise saves more resources than producing the substitutes that uses 5 times more water consumption, generates 4 times more solid wastes, and double the amount of energy consumption than plastics along their respective production processes.

The study also showed that the substitutes will result into more devastating environmental hazards if they replace the SUPs such as: increasing the eutrophication or algal blooms decreasing the seawater oxygen by 5262 percent? increasing the ozone layer depletion by 282 percent, inducing more acid rains by 233 percent, and smog formation by 213 percent.

Ngo similarly underscored that the use of plastics like SUPs saves forest resources like trees. Trees are the best defense to absorb carbon dioxide to reduce the severe impacts of climate change.

Though the country due to climate change is contributing only 0.35 percent to the global emissions, the Philippines ranks third as the most vulnerable to climate change in the region. That is why we experience extreme weather disturbances such as very hot days, devastating typhoons, and very



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heavy flood causing rainfalls, seriously damaging crops and properties and putting at stake the lives of local communities on the affected areas.

Ngo said that projecting accumulated carbon foot print in view a product beyond years of projected production is very misleading like what others are doing to plastics to exaggerate its impact to climate change.

He emphasized that all manufactured products using electricity and fuel oil has their respective carbon footprint.

The best way to determine the true amount of GHG emission of any product is by means of the life cycle assessment (LCA) and comparing it with the LCA results of the others, he added.



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MGA FACEMASK, PLASTIC BOTTLES UG SACHETS NAKOLEKTA SA IDIS UG BANTAY BUKID VOLUNTEERS SA PANIGAN-TAMUGAN WATERSHED

MAS misaka ang ihap sa napunil nga facemasks sa mga volunteers sa Interfacing Development Interventions for Sustainability kon IDIS ug Bantay Bukid Volunteers karong bulana nga miabot sa 80 kompara sa 21 sa miaging bulan.

Gawas sa 80 ka facemasks, usa ka plastic bottle sa fungicide, 36 ka plastic cups, cigarette packs ug daghang sachet sa mga shampoo, junkfoods ug sabon panlaba ang nakolekta sa Panigan Tamugan watershed kagahapon.

Sumala sa IDIS, dakong epekto ang mga basura nga ilang napunilan sa watershed ngadto sa watershed mismo ug sa mga namuyo duol dinhi sanglit kini mga basura dili madecompose ug makahatag og kadaul sa kinaiyahan.

Gidayeg sa IDIS ang aksyon sa Watershed Management Council ug sa City Government kalabot sa unang nareport nga paglabay og facemasks ug ubang hugaw sa mga sapa, apan daghang recreational activities ang nahitabo nga nagpabiling wala na naregulate ug wala namonitor nga gidudahan sa mga vounteers nga hinungdan sa pagsaka sa nakolekta nila ng basura sa watershed.

Nagpasalamat ang IDIS sa mga Bantay Bukid volunteers sa ilang makakanunayong pagpahigayon og river monitoring hasta pagpanlimpyo aron malimpyo lamang ug maproteksyonan ang watershed.

Nanawagan sab ang grupo sa publiko nga mahimong responsible sa mga gipanlabay nga basura aron di kini maabot sa watershed nga maoy tinubdan sa tubig mainom sa syudad

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Some young people volunteered in the tree planting activity of Philippine Eagle Foundation in ALI-Davao Carbon Forest for the previous #InternationalYouthDay.

"We are ever grateful for your valuable time and support as we continue to grow more trees and nurture a Carbon Forest! 🌳"

Click this link for those who want to volunteer:

<http://bit.ly/BeACarbonWarrior> ✓

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Parrot trafficker busted in Sarangani

[By Franz Sumangil](#)

August 14, 2021

ALABEL, Sarangani: Police busted a wildlife trafficker of two endangered Eclectus parrots (*Eclectus oratus*) when the latter was trying to sell both to non-uniformed policemen for P33,500 in Alabel, Sarangani. In a statement on Wednesday, the Sarangani Maritime Police identified the suspect as [John Patrick Toribio](#), 28 years old. Toribio was arrested in an operation conducted by Police Maritime agents and personnel of the [Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office](#) (Menro)-Alabel. The suspect was immediately frisked and cuffed by the police after selling to buyers disguised as bird collectors the two parrots during a trade-off on Tuesday along a stretch of highway in Barangay Baluntay, Alabel. The operation that led to the arrest of Toribio and confiscation of the two birds was in cooperation with members of the Second Maneuver Platoon of the Sarangani Provincial Police. Police investigators and Menro-Alabel officials are now trying to determine who supplies Toribio with parrots that he sells clandestinely to collectors. Toribio was entrapped barely two weeks after a police team in nearby [Koronadal City](#) arrested business partners [Jay Suat](#) and [Charissa Amisola](#) for possession of 20 Philippine hanging parrots for sale. The green hanging parrots (*Loriculus philippensis*) confiscated from the duo reportedly came from poachers in outland forests in South [Cotabato](#)'s adjoining T'boli, [Lake Sebu](#), Surallah and Tampakan towns. Suat and Amisola had been charged with violation of [Republic Act](#) 9147, or the "Wildlife Resources Conservation and [Protection Act](#)."



Tao, sunog pag lumabas ng bahay sa global warming-UN

[OPINION](#)

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UN ENVIRONMENT PANEL, NAGBABALA NA MAAARING MASUNOG ANG TAO PAG LUMABAS SILA NG BAHAY BUNGA NG PAPTINDING GLOBAL WARMING: Di na natuto. Yan ang reaksiyon noong gabi ng Agosto 09, 2021, ng maraming mga mananampalatayang nagbabasa ng Bibliya sa nakakatakot na ulat ng United Nations Panel on Climate Change na inilabas noong gabi din ng Agosto 09, 2021.

Ayon sa UN panel, sobrang napakalapit na ng buong daigdig sa tinatawag nitong “runaway warming”, o grabeng mainit na kapaligiran na dulot ng tuloy-tuloy na pag-iinit ng buong mundo, at pagpapalit ng klima sa lahat ng dako.

Walang ibang sisisihin sa grabeng pagkawasak na ito ng daigdig dahil sa grabeng pag-iinit, kundi ang tao na din mismo, dagdag pa ng UN Panel. Bilang reaksiyon, agad namang nanawagan mula sa Sweden si Greta Thurnburg, isang kabataang environmental activist, ng mas matinding pagtugon ng mga bansa upang hanapan ng kalutasan ang problemang ito.

Si Greta ay nakilala matapos niyang ilunsad ang isang grupo ng mga kabataan upang lumaban sa mga gawaing nakakasira sa kalikasan. Ayon kay UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres, kinikilala nilang isang “code red for humanity” ang ulat ng UN panel, na ang kabuuan ay maaaring mabasa dito sa intergovernmental panel on climate change (ipcc). Ang ibig sabihin ng code red for humanity ay sitwasyong pang-emergency na.

“DI NA NATUTO” ANG TAO SA TUNAY NA DAHILAN NG GLOBAL WARMING AT CLIMATE CHANGE, AYON SA MGA MANANAMPALATAYANG NAGBABASA NG BIBLIYA: Sa kasalukuyan, dagdag ni Guterres, ang greenhouse gas levels sa kalawakan ay nasa antas na na magbibigay ng pagkawasak ng kalikasan, na hindi masosolusyunan sa mga susunod na dekada o di kaya ay siglo. Bunga ng pag-iinit na ito, ayon naman sa ulat ng UN panel.

Dagdag pa, hindi na makaiwas ang maraming tao sa daigdig, saan mang bansa sila naninirahan, na dumanas ng nakakamatay na heat waves, naglalakasang mga bagyo o hurricanes, at iba pang mga



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nakakamatay na ngitngit ng kalikasan, tulad ng mga di masawatang wildfires sa US, Australia, at sa iba pang mga bansa.

“The alarm bells are deafening,” dagdag pa ni Guterres. Ipinunto niyang kailangan na ng sangkatauhan na tigilan ang paggamit ng coal at fossil fuel—o, sa Pilipino, ng uling at petrolyo—para sa pagpapatakbo ng mga industriya, mga sasakyan, at mga gamit-pambahay na nakadepende sa mga mineral na ito.

Ayon sa mga dalubhasang naglalabas ng kanilang mga babala sa matinding global warming at climate change na nagaganap na, ang mga nangyayaring malawakang pagbaha kahit na sa mga lugar na di dating binabaha, ang mga pagkasunog ng mga kagubatan o kakahuyan sa maraming lugar nito lamang nakaraang linggo o buwan, at ang pananalasa ng mga mababagsik na buhawi, ay mga epekto na ng mabilis na pagdausdos ng buong planeta tungo sa pagkawasak at kamatayan.

“ANG TAO DIN ANG MAY KASALANAN KUNG BAKIT MAY GLOBAL WARMING”: Kung hindi natin titigilan ang paggamit ng coal at fossil fuel sa lalong madaling panahon, tiyak ang buhay na ng tao ang mapipigil, sabi pa ng UN panel. Ibinabala din nito na sa sobrang init na madarama ng mundo, tiyak na mamamatay na ang mga tao pag nangahas silang lumabas sa kanilang mga bahay.

Ayon sa ulat ng UN, “scientists warn that a rise of more than 1.5c above the preindustrial average could trigger runaway climate change with catastrophic impacts, such as heat so intense that people die just from being outdoors...”

Sa wikang Pilipino, ang babala ay ganito ang sinasabi: kung tuloy-tuloy ang pagtaas ng temperature ng mundo kahit lamang sa 1.5 centigrade, mawawasak na ng tuluyan ang kalikasan, at magdudulot ng mainit na paligid na maaaring makasunog sa mga tao na mangangahas lumabas sa kanilang mga tahanan.

Ayon naman sa mga nagbabasa ng Bibliya, ang ganitong mga pangyayari sa global warming at climate change ay isinulat na sa Banal na Aklat noon pa mang libong taon bago dumating si Jesus sa daigdig. Partikular na tinutukoy ng mga mananampalataya ang sinasabi ng Deuteronomio 28:15, 22 hanggang 24.

MATALINO AT HANGAL: DALAWANG URI NG TAO NA HAHARAP SA ULAN, BAHA, AT HANGIN. Ayon sa mga bersikulong ito, kung hindi na makikinig ang tao sa diyos at hindi na sila susunod sa kaniyang mga utos, magpapadala ang diyos ng mga sumpang papatay sa kanila, at kasama dito ang sumpa ng pag-iinit ng klima na susunog sa tao.

Kasama din sa mga sumpang ito ang pagtigil ng ulan at ang pagkatuyo ng mga dagat at tubigan, pati na ang pag-ulan ng alikabok sa maraming lugar. Sa mga baha at mga bagyo namang nangyayari ngayon, ipinunto ng marami na si Jesus, ang diyos at tagapagligtas, ay nagbabala din na tiyak ang pagdating ng ulan, baha, at hangin sa daigdig.

Ang mga pangyayaring ito ay nagaganap, bunga ng kawalan ng interest ng tao na makinig at sumunod sa diyos. Ito ay matatagpuan sa mateo 7:24-27 ng bibliya. Ayon sa mateo 7:24-27, dalawa lamang ang mga tao na haharap sa mga trahedyang ito ng kalikasan.



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Ang una, na isinalarawan sa Mateo 7:24-25, ay yung mga taong matatalino. Sila ang nakikinig at sumusunod sa mga utos ni Jesus, at, dahil diyan, hindi sila mapipinsala o mamamatay kahit dumating ang mga ulan, baha, at hangin. Ang ikalawang uri ng tao naman ay yung mga hangal, o yung mga isinalarawan sa mateo 7:26-27. Sila ay mga taong hindi nakikinig sa salita ng diyos, o, kahit na nakikinig, ay hindi naman sumusunod sa mga utos.

Tiyak na sila ay mapipinsala o mamamatay, pag dumating ang mga ulan, baha, at hangin. Dahil dito, marapat lamang na magbago na ang lahat, at, matutong makinig at sumunod sa mga utos ng diyos ng buong katapatan.



Piranhas and pink dolphins lure visitors to remote Lake Tarapoto



(CNN) — Pink dolphins, piranhas and black caiman. It sounds like the stuff of legend, but in fact they're the inhabitants of a protected wetlands system in the Amazon, home to thousands of rare animal species and fascinating tales of tribal gods turning men into dolphins.

Storytelling is part of the culture for the indigenous groups who live in the Amazon rainforest, and the wetlands play an important part in the yarns that have been spun for centuries. The stories told by the Ticuna people are no different; one in particular involves a pink dolphin disguised in human form who attends the tribe's traditional festivities to enchant women who become enamored by this tall, strange man. He then takes her down to the river, and turns her into a dolphin, too.

But the waters of the Lagos de Tarapoto aren't just home to tall tales. They're such an important habitat for animal species that they were granted protected status in 2018, following a five-year battle to petition for the wetlands region to be [internationally recognized](#) by the Swiss conservation body Ramsar.



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Visitors can take guided boat tours in Lake Tarapoto.
Courtesy Sergio León-Ecodestinos

Scientists have been conducting research in the wetlands -- which include Lake Tarapoto as well as a network of other waterways -- for years. The lake is fed by the Amazon River and is interconnected to numerous smaller lakes by a complex system of creeks.

Experts have identified as many as 900 plant species, 300 bird species, 176 fish, 56 reptiles, 46 mammals and 30 amphibians. The wetlands, which cover 400 square kilometers, have one of the highest presence of river dolphins in the Colombian Amazon.

Recently, Omacha, alongside the WWF and with the help of local groups, began a satellite monitoring project of the cetaceans in the Amazon region.

The wetlands are a key place for dolphin breeding, as well as a fish breeding site -- a vital source of food and income for the 22 indigenous communities that live in the region. The pirarucú fish, one of the largest freshwater fish, is a species of arapaima, which are native to the Amazon River. They have been a key food source for indigenous communities for centuries and are eaten fresh, dried or salted -- and can grow up to 10 feet long.



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Fish and tourism are key sources of income for local indigenous communities.
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Tourism and conservation at work

The indigenous communities also rely on tourism for income, and the preservation of this water system means they can have a sustainable income for years to come. Visitors to the region can hire local indigenous guides to boat them around the lake and through the river networks, pointing out wildlife and explaining the historical importance of the site.

The wetland region is best known for Lake Tarapoto, a 37-square-kilometer body of water which is a short ride from Puerto Nariño, a town in the Amazonas region of Colombia, perched on the edge of the Amazon River.

Tourists who make it to the remote region flock to the lake in the hopes of catching a glimpse of the rare pink dolphin or trying their hand at piranha fishing. The Centro de Interpretación Ambiental Natütama, run by a non-profit, offers a host of information on the pink dolphin and manatee species.

There is still no consensus about why the pink dolphin is pink, as some of the mammals, known locally as "boto," remain gray. Coloration varies, with adult males being the most pink, perhaps, experts surmise, because they fight a lot -- and it is their scar tissue that is pink. Another theory is that they camouflage themselves to match the red mud that appears in some of the rivers following heavy rains.



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Tourists come to the area in hopes of spotting the rare pink dolphin.
Raul Arboleda/AFP/Getty Images

Although you can swim in the lakes, they are piranha-infested, so perhaps check with your tour guide before taking a dip.

The motorized boats that were once involved in some tours, as well as logging, hunting and overfishing were threatening the biodiversity of the wetland complex, so scientists joined forces with local indigenous groups who inhabit the area to petition Ramsar, the Swiss conservation body, to declare Tarapoto a "wetland of international importance" in 2018. The area is the first wetland region in the Colombian Amazon to achieve such a status.

"Wetlands with Ramsar status are internationally recognized because of their unique characteristics of biodiversity and natural wealth, and must be conserved and used sustainably to maintain their quality and permanence over time. Large-scale mining and major infrastructure construction cannot be carried out at Ramsar sites," says Saulo Usma, Freshwater Specialist at WWF Colombia.

Visitors wishing to experience the lake can stay at Puerto Nariño, a small town of 6,000 residents, mostly indigenous, that touts itself as an ecological community. No cars or motorized vehicles of any kind are allowed in the town -- meaning all tours are done by wooden boats.

The town is reachable by plane from Bogotá, Medellín or Cartagena. Accommodation and facilities are basic, but it's a wonderful jumping off point to explore all the Amazonas region has to offer, and a chance to experience indigenous culture in its fullest.



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Conservation is a priority in the area. The wetlands received protected status in 2018.
Courtesy Sergio León-Ecodestinos

Working with locals to protect the wetlands

Designating the site as protected means there is the ability to finance conservation projects, according to the leaders of the local community.

"The designation of the Tarapoto lakes as a Ramsar site is an opportunity to strengthen, protect and conserve our natural, cultural and social resources," says Lilia Isolina Java Tapayuri, community leader of the Cocama ethnic group.

Working with the local indigenous groups has been a vital part in the protection process. Sinchi Institute, another of the Colombian environmental groups that collaborated to get the lake protected, has been working with local fishermen to ensure they are involved.



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A view of the Lagos de Tarapoto wetlands complex in Colombia's Amazonas department.
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"Sinchi has collaborated in the construction of the management plan for the site," says biologist Mariela Osorno, who specializes in the Amazon region. "We've also accompanied fishermen from the Tarapoto system, training them to collect data, community monitoring and fishing uses of the area."

The institute is also working with communities to produce a bird guide for the area, as well as training up villagers so they can use their skills to start bird-focused tourism ventures.

"Participants have been trained in methodologies for bird watching, species identification and use of bird guides," explains Osorno, adding that Sincha has also worked with locals to recover the names of birds in the native languages of the territories.

"It is essential to promote its conservation and proper management, to ensure the permanence of the genetic richness of species, ecosystems and landscapes, and to safeguard the culture and knowledge of the native communities that inhabit it, particularly the Ticuna (also known as the Maguta), Cocama and Yagua ethnic groups."

If you do get the chance to visit this beautiful and underdeveloped corner of the world, you'll certainly leave with a renewed sense of living simply, side-by-side with nature.

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4K more Covid-19 recoveries, 13K new infections: DOH

By Raymond Carl Dela Cruz August 13, 2021, 5:26 pm



(Infographic courtesy of DOH)

MANILA – Another 4,322 persons have recovered from the coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) on Friday, bringing the total number of recoveries in the country to 1,587,069.

In its daily Covid-19 bulletin, the Department of Health (DOH) said this is equivalent to a 92.6 percent recovery rate out of a total of 1,713,302 infections since the beginning of the pandemic last year.

Some 13,177 new infections were also recorded, bringing the number of active cases to 96,395 or 5.6 percent of all cases in the country.

Of these active cases, the majority at 95.8 percent have shown mild symptoms, followed by those with severe symptoms at 1.4 percent, the asymptomatic at one percent, those with moderate symptoms at 0.97 percent, and those in critical condition at 0.8 percent.

There were 299 new deaths reported, with the country's total mortalities now at 29,838 or 1.74 percent of all Covid-19 infections.

"Sa patuloy na pagtaas ng mga kaso, pinaaalalahanan po natin ang lahat na patuloy na sumunod sa minimum public health standards. Kapag naman nakaranas ng mga sintomas ay agad na mag isolate at kontakin ang inyong Barangay Health Emergency Response Teams (With the current rise in cases, we remind everyone to continue following minimum public health standards. If you experience symptoms, immediately isolate and contact your Barangay Health Emergency Response Teams)," the DOH said.

Based on the latest data on Covid-19 testing collected on Aug. 11, it said there were 57,355 individuals tested with 23.6 percent found to be infected.



4K more Covid-19 recoveries, 13K new infections: DOH

Many health facilities in the National Capital Region (NCR) remain available, with 1,200 beds of intensive care units (ICU) at 60 percent occupancy, 4,700 isolation beds at 60 percent occupancy, 3,900 ward beds at 61 percent occupancy, and 1,100 ventilators at 54 percent utilization.

For the entire country, there are 4,000 ICU beds at 66 percent occupancy, 20,100 isolation beds at 58 percent occupancy, 13,300 ward beds at 60 percent occupancy, and 3,000 ventilators at 51 percent utilization. (PNA)



Philippines logs 13,177 new COVID-19 cases in highest daily rise since April 2

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Volunteers screen and inoculate residents during the continuing 24/7 vaccination drive of the local government inside the University of Santo Tomas Gymnasium in Manila on Aug. 12, 2021.

MANILA, Philippines — Local health authorities on Friday reported 13,177 more COVID-19 infections, bringing the national caseload to 1,713,302.

- Active cases: 96,395 or 5.6% of the total
- Recoveries: 4,322, pushing total to 1,587,069
- Deaths: 299, bringing total to 29,838

This is the second-highest daily rise in cases ever recorded since the start of the pandemic, trailing only behind the record 15,310 infections recorded in April 2.

Restrictions loosened in some areas; Travel ban extended again

- The province of Laguna and the cities of Iloilo and Cagayan de Oro will be [shifted](#) to the less strict modified enhanced community quarantine from August 16 to 31, Malacañang announced.
- The pandemic task force [extended](#) restrictions on travelers coming from 10 countries until end-August as the threat of the highly contagious Delta variant continues to grow.
- It also [trimmed](#) its list of "green" or low-risk territories, reducing the number of fully vaccinated travelers who are allowed to undergo a shorter seven-day quarantine upon arrival to the Philippines.
- More vaccines continue to be shipped to the country with [2 million Sinovac](#) doses arriving last night [575,800 AstraZeneca](#) shots arriving earlier today.



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- The National Task Force Against COVID-19 [estimates](#) that nearly half of Metro Manila's residents will be fully vaccinated by August 20, when the two-week lockdown imposed over the capital region is set to expire.
- Figures from the NTF show that the government has consistently hit or surpassed its target of vaccinating at least half a million people per day nationwide with a daily vaccination rate of 558,000 from August 1 to 12.



Hawaan ng COVID-19 sa Pinas bumilis

By [Angie dela Cruz](#) (Pilipino Star Ngayon)
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Commuters waiting for a ride at the hEDSA bus carousel at Bagong Barrio Station during the Metro Manila-wide hard lockdown on Tuesday, August 10, 2021.

MANILA, Philippines — Pumalo sa 1.41 ang reproduction number ng COVID-19 sa bansa o ang bilis ng hawahan ng virus dulot ng mataas na banta ng Delta variant.

Ayon sa OCTA Research Group, nitong August 12, ang reproduction number ay pumalo sa 1.41 at umaabot naman sa 1.76 sa Metro Manila.

Noong August 10 ay 1.33 samantalang sa Metro Manila ay 1.79 o may bahagyang pagbaba sa kalakhang Maynila.

Sa QC ay nakapagtala ng bagong kaso ng virus na 467 mula August 5 hanggang 11, sinundan ito ng Maynila, 304 cases; Cebu City, 275; Makati, 195 at Davao City, 175.

Ang MM ay nasa ilalim ng ECQ mula August 6-20 at pinag-aaralan na ng Department of Health kung iextend.

Ang ibang lugar na nasa ECQ ay ang Laguna, Cagayan de Oro, at Iloilo City mula August 6-15; Bataan mula August 8-22 at Tuguegarao ay August 12-21.



ECQ in Metro Manila should be extended — hospital official

By [CNN Philippines Staff](#)

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Metro Manila (CNN Philippines, August 13) — The spokesperson of the Lung Center of the Philippines said the hard lockdown in the National Capital Region must be extended amid the soaring coronavirus cases.

"This is purely on the medical aspect kasi ngayon pa lang natatanggap 'yung increasing cases from the community," said Dr. Norberto Francisco, spokesperson of the Quezon City-based Lung Center, during an interview with state-run PTV's Laging Handa.

[Translation: This is purely on the medical aspect because it is only now that we are receiving the increasing cases from the community.]

Francisco stressed that the number of cases in the past days was increasing "exponentially".

If there were no coronavirus spike, the Lung Center usually allots 35% of its operational capacity for COVID patients, he said.

But now, the hospital has already dedicated 76% for COVID patients.

"This is the highest," he noted.

"Habang tumataas po ang kaso, dinadagdagan po namin ang percentage ng kama na naka-dedicate sa COVID," Francisco said.

[Translation: As the case increases, we are adding the percentage of beds dedicated to COVID.]

He also said the Lung Center has started deploying modular hospitals for moderate, severe, and critical COVID cases.



ECQ in Metro Manila should be extended — hospital official

The Inter-Agency Task Force placed Metro Manila under the strictest enhanced community quarantine until August 20 amid the growing Delta fears.

The Department of Health earlier confirmed the local transmission of the highly transmissible variant. It also said the Delta variant was detected in all cities and municipality of the National Capital Region.



Metro Manila Council nagkasundo sa ECQ extension hanggang sa August 30

By Jan Escosio August 13, 2021 - 09:42 PM



Kuha ni Chona Yu/Radyo Inquirer On-Line

Isang linggo bago ang pagtatapos ng pagpapairal ng Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ), napagkasunduan na ng 17 Metro Manila mayors na palawigin ang pinakamahigpit na quarantine restriction hanggang sa katapusan ng buwan ng Agosto.

Ito ang ibinahagi ni Parañaque City Mayor Edwin Olivarez na siya rin namumuno sa MMC.

Aniya, nagkasundo ang mga alkalde na magpapatuloy ang ginagawa nilang hakbang para mapababa ang COVID-19 cases sa Kalakhang Maynila.

Nangangahulugan din aniya na hanggang sa pagtatapos ng Agosto, na itinuturing na 'ghost month,' walang karagdagang establisyemento ang papayagan na muling magbukas base na rin sa pamantayan ng Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF).

Umaasa na lang aniya silang ng mga kapwa niya alkalde na makapagbukas ng mga negosyo sa pagtatapos ng ikatlong bahagi hanggang sa Kapaskuhan.

Isinailalim ang Metro Manila sa ECQ, sa ikatlong pagkakataon sa loob 17 buwan, noong Agosto 6 at magtatapos sana ito sa Agosto 20.

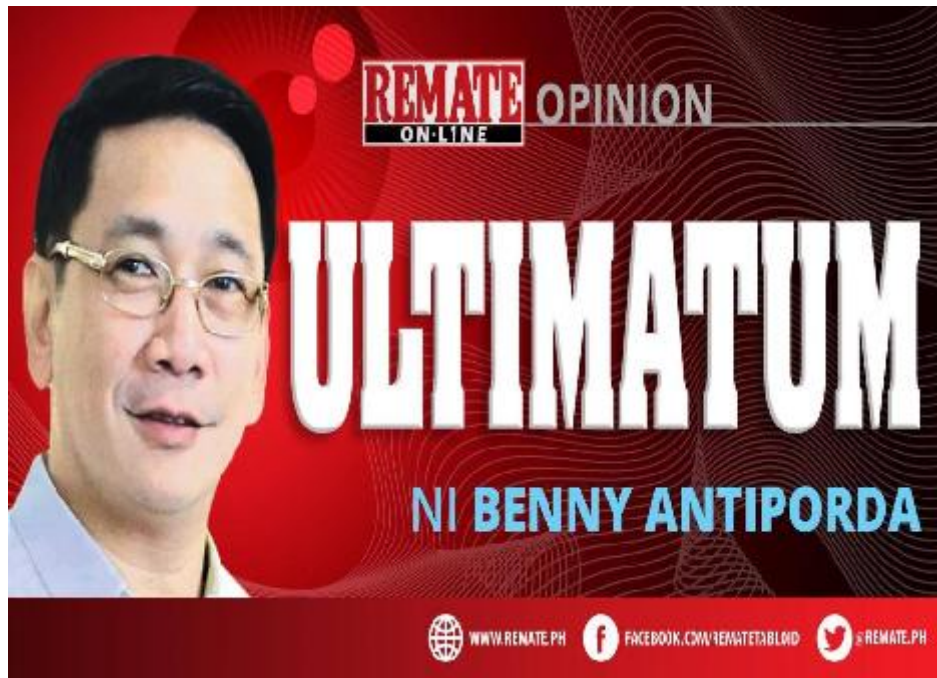
Ginawa ang hakbang sa layong mapigilan ang paglobo ng COVID-19 cases at dahil na rin sa pagtindi ng banta ng Delta variant ng nakakamatay na sakit.

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INIULAT ng News8 na pupwede nang magkaroon ng bakuna sa ilong laban sa coronavirus disease-19 o COVID-19 sa pamamagitan ng pagbuga o pag-spray nito.

Paliwanag ng mga researcher sa Lancaster University sa United Kingdom sa pamumuno ni Muhammad Munir, kasama ang mga researcher na taga-Texas Biomedical Research Institute na nakabase sa United States, napakapektibo ang sistemang ito bilang pamigil sa hawaan o transmission ng COVID virus at panlaban na rin sa nasabing virus at ilang clinical disease.

Nadiskubre ang bisa ng bakuna nang bugahan nila ng Sars-Covid 2 na lumilikha ng COVID-19 ang ilong at sinus at бага ng dalawang daga.

Ilang panahon lang matapos ang pagbuga ng dalawang dose, nawala ang mga virus sa ilong at sinus patungo sa бага at nawala rin ang virus sa бага.

COVID-19 HANGGANG ILONG LANG

Higit pa, sinabi ng mga researcher na sa pintuan pa lang ng katawan ng mga daga na ilong at sinus, nilabanan na ng immune system ang virus at hindi na nakapasok ito sa бага ng daga.

Natagpuan ding walang sugat o natunaw sa ilong at бага ng mga daga makaraan ang pagbabakuna.

VIRUS MULA SA NEW CASTLE DISEASE

Sinabi ng mga researcher na hinugot nila ang virus mula sa New Castle Disease o NDV na sakit ng mga manok at iba pang mga katulad na hayop sa poultry na hindi nakasasama sa tao.



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Kaya umano ng NDV na lumikha ng spike protein na katulad ng Sars-Cov-2 na magtutulak sa lokal na immune system sa sinus at ilong para lumikha ng antibodies at labanan ang virus ng COVID.

Maganda umano ang nasal spray o pagbuga sa ilong dahil hindi ito katulad ng mga karayom na walang aray kung gamitin.

CLINICAL TRIAL

Sakaling magkaroon pa ng mas maraming trial sa mga daga at mapatunayang mabisa at ligtas ang bakuna, hindi malayong magkaroon na rin ng clinical trial sa tao.

At mapatunayang mabisa at ligtas ito sa tao, ano pa ang masasabi natin kundi lalong darami ang mga bakuna na magagamit sa pandemya?

Pabor ito sa lahat, kasama ang mga Pilipino.

Pero maganda kung sasali tayo sa mga clinical trial para pagkatapos nito, pwede nang gamitin ito sa atin.

VIROLOGY SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY INSTITUTE

Nitong huling State of the Nation Address ni Pangulong Rodrigo Duterte, itinulak nito ang paglikha ng Virology Science and Technology Institute upang magsilbing tagadiskubre ng mga bakuna at gamot laban sa virus at maaaring sa bakteria, fungus at iba pa.

Dapat kikilos na agad ang mga kongresman at senador para magawan ito ng batas, mapondohan at maitayo kaagad.

May nagpasimula na ng paggawa ng bakuna na pribadong kompanya, ka-partner ang pamahalaan, subalit iba ang nasabing institute dahil dito matutong maging marunong ang maraming Pilipino ukol sa mga virus, bakteria, fungus at iba pa at makagawa na rin ng mga bakuna at gamot laban sa mga ito.

Dito magmumula ang malawakang kakayahan ng mga Pilipino na gumawa ng mga bakuna at gamot at hindi na lang umaasa nang umasa sa mga dayuhan.

Balang araw maiiwasan na natin ang mga hoarding at overpricing ng mga gamot na ikinahihirap ng lahat.

MARAMING HAYOP

Napakarami nating hayop sa poultry at pupwede tayong mag-alaga ng mga manok, gansa, pugo, pato, bibi at iba pa na pupwede pagkunan ng NVD at ikumbert na virus bilang panlaban sa COVID-19.

Kailangan na lang ang ilang sangkap at gamit para makagawa tayo ng mga bakuna at gamot.

Kung magkakaroon tayo ng mga siyentista mula sa nasabing institute, mabubuhay ang Pilipinas nang hindi gaanong tatamaan ng anomang uri ng virus, bakteria, fungus at iba pa, at kung tamaan man, makagagawa tayo agad ng mga pangontra sa mga ito.



BAKUNA SA ILONG VS COVID-19 NADISKUBRE

TOTOONG VACCINE EXPERT AT KORAPSYON

Ngayong nananalasa ang COVID-19, ang daming nagsilabasang vaccine expert na Pinoy.

Katanungan ng ating Uzi, meron na ba sa mga nagsasabing sila'y vaccine expert ang alam gumawa ng bakuna, partikular, laban sa COVID-19 at kauri nito?

Kung wala pa, naririyang na ang Institute na roon sila magpunta at magtulong-tulong sa paggawa ng mga bakuna na gawang Pinoy at doon sila matatakan bilang tunay na mga vaccine expert.

At sana, hindi mahahaluan ng korapsyon ang programang ito na iiwanan ng Duterte administrasyon para ipagpatuloy ng darating na ibang mga lider ng bansa paar sa kapakanan ng lahat.



WHO calls on governments to cooperate to accelerate studies into origins of COVID-19

By [Kanishka Singh via Reuters](#)

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World Health Organization (WHO) Director General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus speaks during a bilateral meeting with Swiss Interior and Health Minister Alain Berset on the sidelines of the opening of the 74th World Health Assembly at the WHO headquarters, in Geneva, Switzerland May 24, 2021.

(Laurent Gillieron/Pool via Reuters/File Photo)

The World Health Organization has called for all governments to cooperate to accelerate studies into the origins of the COVID-19 pandemic and “to depoliticize the situation.”

“WHO reiterates that the search for the origins of SARS-CoV-2 is not and should not be an exercise in attributing blame, finger-pointing or political point-scoring,” it said in a [statement](#) on Thursday. — Editing by Chris Reese

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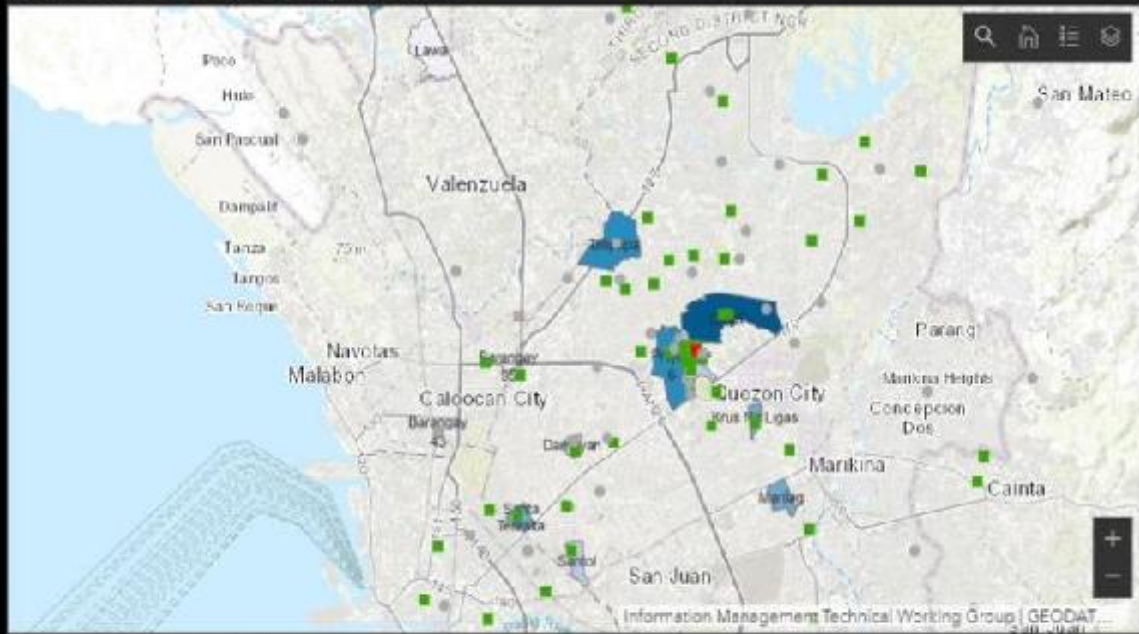
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Data on COVID-19 include reported cases of DENR employees (Permanent, Contract of Service/Job Order, Support Staff (Triumph/Security)) as collected by the Contact Tracing Team of DENR Central Office.



Residence of affected personnel



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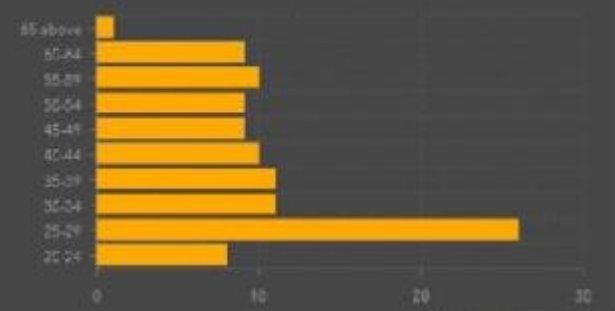
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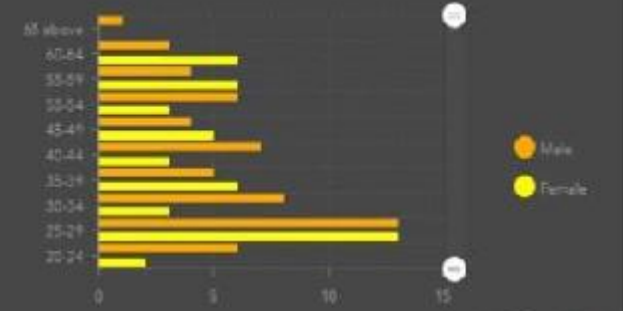
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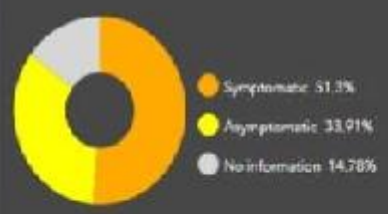
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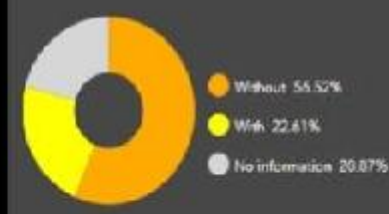
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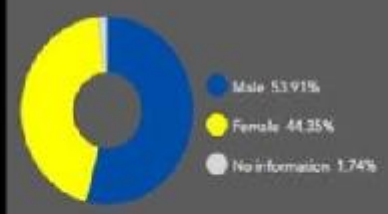
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Gabay sa Pag-uulat ng mga Peke at Dinayang Resulta ng COVID-19 Test



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Nakatanggap ang Kagawaran ng Kalusugan (DOH) ng mga ulat tungkol sa peke at dinayang COVID-19 test results sa gamit ang mga sumusunod na paraan:

Pekeng COVID-19 Test Results	Dinayang COVID-19 test results
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Paano ko malalaman kung tunay ang isang COVID-19 test result?

Dahil ang bawat DOH-licensed COVID-19 testing laboratories ay may iba-ibang template ng sertipiko, sundin ang mga sumusunod na hakbang upang masuri kung tunay ang isang COVID-19 test result:

1. **I-scan ang QR code** na makikita sa mga opisyal na sertipiko.
2. Kung walang QR code, direktang makipag-ugnayan sa COVID-19 testing laboratory na nakapangalan sa sertipiko.

Ang listahan ng mga DOH-Licensed COVID-19 Testing Laboratories ay makikita sa HFSRB website

(<https://doh.gov.ph/licensed-covid-19-testing-laboratories>) o sa aming arawang buletin na nakapost sa aming social media accounts.



Nalaman kong peke ang COVID-19 test result, ano ang dapat kong gawin?

Kung napatunayang peke ang isang COVID-19 test result, agad na makipag-ugnayan sa sa pinakamalapit na police station o inyong regional PNP-CIDG at ibahagi ang mga sumusunod na dokumento at/o detalye:

1. Kopya ng peke o dinayang COVID-19 test result.
2. Pangalan at contact details ng tao na nagbigay ng peke o dinayang COVID-19 test result.
3. Ibang detalye na maaaring makatulong sa pagharap sa bagay na ito.

Maaari po kayong makipag-ugnayan sa CIDG Headquarters gamit ang mga sumusunod na hotline:

Globe: 0977-347-5267

Smart: 0951-059-3843



Ano ang dapat kong gawin kung may nag-aalok sa akin ng peke o kahina-hinalang COVID-19 test service?

Kung may nag-aalok ng peke o kahina-hinalang COVID-19 test service, maaari din kayong makipag-ugnayan sa CIDG regional field unit ng inyong rehiyon at ibigay ang sumusunod na impormasyon:

1. Kung mayroon, screenshot ng pag-uusap na naglalaman ng impormasyon sa mga inaalok na serbisyo
2. Pangalan at contact details ng táong nagbibigay ng sinasabing serbisyo





Mga Implikasyon ng Pagkalat ng Peke at Dinayang COVID-19 Test Results

Ang pagkalat ng peke at dinayang COVID-19 test results ay maaaring magresulta sa pagkalat ng COVID-19 sa mga tahanan, opisina, at ibang probinsiya/munisipyo. Bukod dito, maaari nitong makompromiso ang integridad ng mga laboratoryo at ng buong laboratory network.

Lumalabag sa RA 11332, na kilala bilang "Law on Reporting of Communicable Diseases" at Article 172 ng Revised Penal Code ang pamemeke at pandaraya ng test results.



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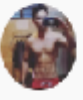


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